

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
OCCUPATIONAL FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES
VOCATIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE**

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT/CHILD CARE - SECONDARY

I. INITIAL TWO (2)-YEAR CERTIFICATE:

A. OPTION I:

1. The applicant must have secured a teaching position in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification and/or renewal for the applicant;
2. Baccalaureate degree in Vocational Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Child Development, Early Childhood Education, or a related degree program; and
3. Two thousand (2,000) hours of occupational experience; or

B. OPTION II:

1. The applicant must have secured a teaching position in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification and/or renewal for the applicant;
2. Associate degree or two (2)-year certificate in Family and Consumer Sciences, Child Development, or a related degree or certificate program; and
3. Two thousand (2,000) hours of occupational experience; or

C. OPTION III:

1. The applicant must have secured a teaching position in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification and/or renewal for the applicant;
2. Course in Methods of Teaching Vocational Family and Consumer Sciences Education or Vocational Education; and
3. Four thousand (4,000) hours of occupational experience.

II. RENEWAL FOR A TWO (2)-YEAR CERTIFICATE:

- A. The applicant must have secured a teaching position in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification and/or renewal for the applicant;
- B. Evidence of progress toward removal of deficiencies must be submitted at each two (2)-year renewal period. This certificate may be reissued two (2) times with all deficiencies for a five (5)-year certificate removed within six (6) years.

III. INITIAL FIVE (5)-YEAR CERTIFICATE:

- A. The applicant must have secured a teaching position in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification and/or renewal for the applicant;
- B. Baccalaureate degree in Vocational Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Child Development, Early Childhood Education, or related degree program;
- C. Two thousand (2,000) hours of occupational experience; and
- D. Eight (8) semester hours of professional vocational education including courses in each of the following areas:
 1. Program Development;
 2. Curriculum Development;
 3. Teaching Methods; and/or
 4. Evaluation and Assessment.

IV. RENEWAL FOR A FIVE (5)-YEAR CERTIFICATE:

- A. The applicant must have secured a teaching position in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification and/or renewal for the applicant;
- B. Confirm attendance at three (3) conference regarding vocational family and consumer sciences and human services education during the five (5)-year period; and
- C. Complete three (3) semester hours (college credit) of course work relevant to the area being taught. Substitutions may be made as follows:
 - 1. Attendance at technical and/or professional workshop(s) sponsored by industry, business, organizations relevant to program area being taught. Twenty (20) clock hours equal one (1) credit hour.
 - 2. Three hundred twenty (320) clock hours of occupational experience consisting of techniques and skills utilized in the instruction program or experience that will allow the instructor to improve, expand, or update the instructional program.

NOTE: Occupational experience must contribute directly to the competency required in the occupational area(s) to be taught. The experience shall have been of such nature and quality as to give recognized status in the occupation(s) represented. The experience must be within the last six (6) years.

It is the responsibility of the instructor to complete the appropriate application for the five (5) year renewal of a certificate in occupational family and consumer sciences and human services and provide the appropriate documentation.